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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: September 30, 1953

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FROM : SAC, [redacted]

CLASSIFIED BY [redacted]
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SUBJECT: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, etal.
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA;
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[redacted] has furnished the following information which may be of interest to the Bureau:

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Date: October 7, 1953

To: [redacted] (e) (U)

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[redacted] (e) (U)

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: SURPLUS MUNITIONS
FOREIGN AID MATTERS

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This informant advised that in [redacted]

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This informant has also advised [redacted] b7D

In view of the importance of the above information, this data has been submitted to the Department of State and to the Attorney General.

The source of the above information has been fully protected and the identity of [redacted] b7D (U)

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Date: October 7, 1953

To: [redacted]
Acting Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ~~SURPLUS MUNITIONS~~
~~FOREIGN AID MATTERS~~

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A confidential informant [redacted]

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The informant has also advised that [redacted] b7D

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The above data is furnished for your confidential information. This information has been furnished to the Attorney General [redacted] (U) b3 b7E

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A confidential informant [redacted]

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This informant has pointed out that [redacted]

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This informant has also advised that [redacted]

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The above data is furnished for your confidential information. This information has been furnished to the Department of State [redacted]

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2cc Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III
Criminal Division

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

The Honorable
The Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

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A confidential informant [redacted]

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This informant has pointed out that [redacted]

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This informant advised that [redacted]

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This informant has also advised that the [redacted] b7D

The above data is furnished for your confidential information. This information has been furnished to the Attorney General, Department of State [redacted] b3 b7E

Sincerely yours,

NOTE ON YELLOW: This data was furnished to the Attorney General, Department of State [redacted] (U) The Attorney General [redacted] has suggested that this information be sent to the Secretary of Defense.

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TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI

DATE: October 8, 1953

FROM : Charles M. Metzner
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

SUBJECT: SURPLUS MUNITIONS
FOREIGN AID MATTERS

Your memorandum dated October 7th in relation to the above subject matter was read by the Attorney General and he suggests that you might want to send a copy to the Secretary of Defense.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

[redacted]

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 16, 1953.

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As indicated in my letter dated October 15, 1953, to the Secretary of Defense, the information furnished at that time was secured from [redacted] (U)

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In accordance with your request, however, this Bureau is attempting to secure the information desired by you. Any information developed will be promptly made available to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: November 25, 1953

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: SURPLUS MUNITIONS
FOREIGN AID MATTERS

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~~(C)~~ (U) [redacted] who has in the past furnished information to the Bureau, furnished the Washington Field Office in [redacted]

This data was furnished by letter dated October 7, 1953, to the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, [redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U)

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The Attorney General suggested by letter that we furnish this information to the Secretary of Defense, which was done by Bulet dated October 15, 1953.

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By letter dated November 16, 1953, the Secretary of the Army advised that Bulet of October 15, to the Secretary of Defense, had been referred to that office for the appropriate action. The Secretary of the Army has requested [redacted]

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This data refers to the information originally furnished by [redacted] and the information desired by [redacted].

RECOMMENDATIONS:

~~(C)~~ (U) 1. It is recommended that the Secretary of the Army be advised that an attempt is being made to secure the information requested in his letter of November 16, 1953. If you approve, a letter is attached taking this action. [redacted]

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Rec. from [redacted] 1/22/54 (U)

[25 January 1954] (S) (U)

Subject: Responses to Questions [redacted]

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Pursuant to your request and in accordance with my conversations with Subject, the following information is furnished.

Request #1: [redacted]

Response: I was informed that [redacted]

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Request #2: [redacted]

Response: I was advised that [redacted]

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Request #3: [redacted]

(U) Response: I was informed that [redacted]

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Response: I was informed that [redacted]

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(U) (S) ABOVE ARE REPLIES OF [redacted]

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: December 7, 1953

FROM : MR. V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: SURPLUS MUNITIONS
FOREIGN AID MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Reference is made to the memorandum dated November 25, 1953, from [redacted] to you. You will recall that [redacted] furnished information to the Washington Field Office in September, 1953, [redacted] This information was furnished to the Secretary of Defense by Bureau letter dated October 15, 1953. By letter dated November 16, 1953, Secretary of the Army requested the Bureau for additional information. [redacted] (U)

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The Liaison Agent referred this matter to [redacted] on December 3, 1953. On December 4, 1953, [redacted] (U)

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the instant matter be referred to the Internal Security Section so that consideration can be given to an interview of [redacted] by the Bureau with the view of developing additional information pursuant to the request of [redacted]

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1 - Mr. R. D. Simpson

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 2, 1954

FROM : V. P. Keay

SUBJECT: SURPLUS MUNITIONS
FOREIGN AID MATTERS
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Reference is made to memorandum from [redacted] to you dated February 18, 1954. In September, 1953, [redacted] furnished information concerning [redacted] This information was disseminated to the various agencies of the Government. By letter dated November 16, 1953, the Secretary of the Army requested [redacted] By letter dated November 25, 1953, the Secretary of the Army was informed that [redacted] By my memorandum dated December 7, 1953, [redacted] (U)

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[redacted] (C) (U)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the above information and attachment be referred to the attention of the [redacted]

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In the event the Army makes further inquiries on this matter, the Liaison Agent will inform [redacted] (C) (U)

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: February 18, 1954

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: SURPLUS MUNITIONS
FOREIGN AID MATTERS
Bufile [redacted]

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[redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U) furnished information to the Bureau in September, 1953, [redacted]

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[redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U)

By memorandum to you from Mr. Keay dated December 7, 1953, [redacted]

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This matter is not one which should be handled by the Bureau. [redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U) The Bureau has no control over the situation and is in the undesirable position of acting as a messenger in this matter.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that [redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U) Also, that Army has

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Date: March 10, 1954 REGISTERED RETURN RECEIPT

To: The Honorable
The Secretary of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: SURPLUS MUNITIONS
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Reference is made to your letter dated November 16, 1953, bearing the inked number [redacted] and to my letter to you dated November 25, 1953.

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The above is furnished for your information.

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SAMUEL CUMMINGS, also known as (S) [redacted]
SAM CUMMINGS

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The Bureau has been confidentially advised [redacted]

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Inasmuch as [redacted] is the type of individual who may come to the attention of your office in the future, the above is being submitted for your information and guidance. You are requested to be most circumspect in any contacts you may have with the subject. (U)

1 - SAC, [New York] (For information)

1 - SAC, [Newark] (For information)

1 - SAC, [Miami] (For information)

1 - Legal Attache [Havana, Cuba] (For information)

1 - Legal Attache [Mexico City, Mexico] (For information)

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: January 14, 1955

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Simpson
1 - [redacted]
1 - Mr. Bacon
1 - Section tickler

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from Mr. Roach

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(S) [redacted] and it is therefore believed advisable that appropriate field offices be cautioned to be most circumspect in any dealings with the subject. (U)

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ACTION:

If you approve, a letter is being directed to the Washington Field, New York, Newark, and Miami Offices and to the Legal Attaches at Havana and Mexico City. The letter is being sent to the above-mentioned offices inasmuch as [redacted] (U)

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: January 9, 1957

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: SAM CUMMINGS
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The subject is an arms dealer who has previously come to the attention of the Bureau, particularly in the [redacted] (U) In the past he has been interviewed by the Bureau.

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ACTION:

The above information is being referred to the attention of the Espionage Section. Liaison is following to obtain additional details.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Liaison Section
1 - [redacted] (C) (U)

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: January 11, 1957

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: SAM CUMMINGS
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 9, 1957, setting forth information [redacted]

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ACTION:

Liaison will continue to follow this matter with [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Branigan
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1 - Liaison Section
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ReBulet January 17, 1955, captioned "Samuel Cummings. [redacted] (U) files also contain additional information in regard to Cummings and he has been interviewed in the past by your office.

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TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: February 12, 1957

FROM : [redacted] (U)

SUBJECT: SAM CUMMINGS
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Reference is made to your memorandum to Mr. Belmont dated January 11, 1957. [redacted]

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1 - Liaison Section
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TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: March 7, 1957

FROM : [redacted] (U)

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 2-12-57. [redacted] (U)

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ACTION:

The Liaison Agent will continue to follow this matter.

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1 - Mr. Peasinger
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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: May 29, 1957

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roach (U)

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The subject, an American citizen, is an arms dealer [redacted]

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Liaison will follow this matter closely. [redacted] In this connection consideration will be given to contacting [redacted] directly.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Peasinger
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Cuban Stop Ship Bearing Antique Guns

Rebel-conscious Cuban officials in the sugar port of Sagua de Tanamo hit the panic button Monday when they spotted a holdfull of rifles and ammunition in a Norwegian freighter—but the guns turned out to be collectors' items bound for Alexandria, Va.

Peter Beer, an official of Intefarmco, 10 Prince street, Alexandria, dealers in antique and obsolete weapons, laughed off the incident this morning. He said the Cuban naval attache here, Commander Julio S. Feijoo, straightened the whole thing out with a phone call and an apology for the temporary seizure of the ship Bergamo.

What Cuban customs authorities thought were arms bound for rebel forces operating against the Batista government in Oriente Province actually were 100 cases of old arms from Guatemala. Mr. Beer said he and his associate, Samuel Cummings of 5225 Manning place N.W., had bought the arms in Guatemala as scrap. Their business is reselling the weapons to collectors.

"They wouldn't be much use in a fire fight," said Mr. Beer. "Some of these guns are so rusted and old that you can't see light through the barrel."

The shipment consisted of about 10,000 pieces, including some 1873 Remingtons and 1861 United States-made Mausers. There also were 500 aged bayonets and 500,000 rounds of black-powder ammunition—not much use to modern rebels. There also were some small cannon of 1880 vintage.

File in Samuel Cummings file

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Mr. Trotter
Mr. Jones
Mr. Nease
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Mr. Holloman
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

1:46PM August 22, 1957

MRS. J. V. KEYES telephoned locally for the Director. She stated she had met the Director through the Godwin's and had a matter which she wished to take up with the Director. She was advised of the Director's absence from the city and arrangements were made for her to speak with Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols advised that Mrs. Keyes has a friend in Alexandria whose husband has something he would like to discuss with a representative of the Bureau.

Mr. Nichols is arranging to have an Agent call on this gentleman after 6:00PM today.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. R. Roach

DATE: September 3, 1957

FROM : [redacted] (C)

SUBJECT: SAM CUMMINGS
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1 - Mr. Peasinger
1 - Liaison Section
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 22, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT: Samuel Cummings

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A Harriet Keyes (phonetic), a friend of Mrs. Earl Godwin, called. A friend of Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Howard Alexander, first name - Eleanor, 202 West Franklin Street, Alexandria, Virginia, South 5-5659, called her this morning. She wondered if Mrs. Keyes knew of anyone in the Bureau she could make contact with on a matter which she believes is important.

Mrs. Keyes stated she had a friend who knew someone in the Bureau and she would check. Since Mrs. Keyes couldn't reach Mrs. Godwin, she called me. She pointed out Mrs. Alexander is secretary to the owner of Inter-Armco, Limited, of Alexandria. She stated the matter is very important; that Mrs. Alexander is not an excitable person; and is ordinarily very calm. Mrs. Alexander will be home tonight after 6:00 p.m. and, of course, does not want to be contacted at her business. Mrs. Keyes didn't have the slightest idea what it was all about. I told her we would have an agent contact Mrs. Alexander after 6:00 p.m. tonight.

It is suggested the Domestic Intelligence Division make arrangements with the Resident Agency in Alexandria to contact Mrs. Alexander.

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SA. Woodrow Lipscomb was instructed to handle

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/23/57

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (62-0)

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DECLASSIFY ON: 25X 1
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SUBJECT: CHANGED
SAMUEL M. CUMMINGS, President;
PETER BEER, Vice President;
RICHARD BREED, Vice Presidnet;
Interarmco Limited, 10 Prince Street
Alexandria, Virginia
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Samuel M. Cummings

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Reference Bureau telephone call to the Alexandria, Virginia, Resident Agency 8/22/57, and Bureau O-1 Form dated 9/10/57.

This title is marked changed inasmuch as the name of the subject was unknown at the time referenced telephone call was received.

Mrs. HOWARD (ELEANOR) ALEXANDER, 202 West Franklin Street, Alexandria, Virginia, on 8/22/57, advised SA HOWARD E. RICHARDSON as follows:

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Mrs. ALEXANDER has been employed by the captioned company as a clerical employee since May of 1957. This company is known as the International Armament Corporation. Mrs. ALEXANDER is assigned to a division of the company known as "Hunters Lodge". This division of the company handles the mail orders of the firm. Various types of weapons are ordered by mail and thereafter shipped by mail from this division. Mrs. ALEXANDER believes everything handled by the division in which she works is done in a proper manner.

Mrs. ALEXANDER pointed out, however, that other sections of the company operate in a strange manner. She explained that she has on a few occasions acted as the secretary for Mr. CUMMINGS and has observed a few letters addressed to him personally which appeared to have been written in code. She stated that one of these was from a person who requested Mr. CUMMINGS to furnish him a special type of sweater. She pointed out that the company

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has no connection with the clothing industry whatsoever.

Mrs. ALEXANDER pointed out that it is not what she knows that causes her concern, but the fact that she is unable to learn what is going on there that makes her believe something is wrong. She pointed out that certain rooms and files at the company are kept locked and that only certain people have access to them.

Mrs. ALEXANDER stated that Mrs. IRMA VISCAL GINORIO, a Puerto Rican, who is supposed to be the sister of the leader of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Group which "shut up" congress a few years ago, is employed at the firm and appears to be close associate and friend of SAMUEL M. CUMMINGS.

According to Mrs. ALEXANDER, Mrs. GINORIO once pointed to a man sitting in Mr. CUMMINGS' office and said "he is Russian spy". Mrs. GINORIO then pointed to two men sitting outside Mr. CUMMINGS' office and said "they are FBI Agents".

Mrs. ALEXANDER said that Mrs. GINORIO has indicated she is an FBI informant, but she does not believe that is true.

Mrs. ALEXANDER stated that she does not know anything about the background of any of the officers of the company [redacted] b3 b7E

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Mrs. ALEXANDER suggested that Mrs. FLORENCE BURGESS, another employee, who resides at 713 South View Terrace, Alexandria, Virginia, might be able to furnish additional information.

Mrs. BURGESS was also interviewed by SA HOWARD E. RICHARDSON on 8/22/57, at which time she furnished approximately the same information as Mrs. ALEXANDER.

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Mrs. ALEXANDER and Mrs. BURGESS both appeared to be intelligent and very sincere in their belief that "something is wrong" in the operation of captioned company.

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No active investigation of captioned individuals or company is being conducted until additional information warranting such inquiry is received. ~~- C -~~

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Tickler: Mr. Peasinger

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SAC, Richmond

October 7, 1957

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Teurlet 9-23-57, copy of which is being furnished to Washington Field Office. For the information of Richmond, [redacted]

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[redacted] In view of the above, no further action regarding this matter should be taken by the Richmond Office. However, if additional information is received regarding Cummings, such should be furnished to the Bureau and Washington Field Office. (U)

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War Surplus Rifles Turned Into Sporters

By CHARLES COVELL
Outdoor Editor

It's the in-between-season for the outdoorsman, with hunting over and spring fishing yet to begin. It's also the time of year to make new tackle, work on guns and think about next season.

Being a confirmed do-it-yourselfer with an itching workshop, I had to look into the subject of foreign rifles. By foreign rifles, I mean imported surplus military weapons that can easily be converted into sporters.

Past projects had ranged from a 16-foot outboard runabout (now four seasons old but as good as new) to pine wainscoted recreation room, but gunsmithing would be brand new.

Here it is time to interject a warning. Amateurs should confine their efforts strictly to polishing and cutting back the stocks. Any work of mechanical nature or involving the breech or barrel should be done by an expert.

Furthermore, the dealers in these rifles warn that they should be rigidly mounted and string-fired before anyone tries to use them. A surgeon once showed me the remains of a rifle barrel that had burst, costing a man part of his hand besides other injuries.

While deer hunting last fall, I saw several of these foreign rifles in the hands of other hunters. One was an Italian Carcano carbine. The young owner had sanded and refinished the stock but otherwise had not altered it.

The carbine's light weight, a little more than 7 pounds, impressed me. With stock cut to sporting size, it should be a pound lighter.

Home Guard Weapons

These Carcanos are mostly home guard weapons and consequently only slightly used. In 7.35 mm., they are 1938 models manufactured in 1939. Because of difficulties of supply during the war, the Italian soldiers in the field continued to use the old 6.5 mm. rifles.

These surplus or captured foreign arms appeal to budget-minded hunters because they usually can be bought at very low prices.

They are available through supply houses on both the East and West Coasts. One of the firms that imports them is called Interarmco, owned by Samuel Cummings of Washington, a former GI. The weapons arrive in Alexandria by shipload.

Another company, called Hunter's Lodge, also owned by Cummings, sells them by mail order. A third, Ye Old Hunter, retails them in Alexandria. This firm is headed by an Alexandrian, John C. Richards, Sherwin Cogan of 2116 F street N.W., manages the store.

New Firm Supplies Parts

One of the drawbacks to the purchase of foreign-made guns is the difficulty of obtaining parts and to this end a fourth company has been organized, headed by Richards. It is known as the Potomac Arms Corp.

Cummings imports everything from .22 caliber rifles to 3-inch cannon. They are even contemplating bringing in World War II German tanks and an order for one already [redacted] barrelled blunder[redacted] repel boarding parties in the Revolution, a Confederate sniper's rifle made in Tennessee and British-made Boyes anti-tank rifle that might interest a whale hunter.

Richards says the Carcanos carbines are the most popular. He said 6,000 have been sold locally in the year the store has been operating.

Then there are Springfield .30/06's bought back from our allies. British Lee-Enfields with short magazine in .303 caliber, 7 mm. single shot rolling blocks made by Remington for Spain and South America, 6.5 mm. Norwegian Krags, .30/06 American-made Enfields and Russian 7.62 mm. Mosin-Nagants.

There are also Mausers of several types, 11 mm. made for South American countries, 7 mm. for the Spanish government and 7.65 mm. for Argentina.

Several Objections Cited

Critics cite several objections. First there is the question of safety. Richards not only warns that the guns should be test-fired but urges that ammunition size be checked carefully. Carelessness in putting the wrong-sized cartridge into a rifle can be very dangerous.

Then there is the question of ammunition. For many of the calibers, of course, ammunition is available in most gun shops. These include the .30/06, .303, and 7mm. For all others the store has military ammunition for target use and reloaded soft-nose cartridges for hunting.

For the Carcano, for instance, cartridge cases are made in Germany and loaded with soft-nose bullets in California. The target ammunition was made in Italy.

[redacted] seems the most popu[redacted] spite the fact that ammu[redacted] is not available in every [redacted] here is how to cut down [redacted] stock to make it into a spo[redacted]

Remove the upper band [redacted] bayonet stud. Remove the m[redacted] dle band and discard the u[redacted] hand guard. Remove the trigger guard screws to [redacted] tach the stock. Cut back t[redacted] stock, then sand and refinish. Incidentally, Richards says, if you ruin the stock there are plenty of replacements for $1.00 each.

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SURPLUS RIFLE MADE INTO SPORTER—Here is a sample do-it-yourself project for war surplus rifle fans. At left, Sherman Cogan holds an original Italian Carcano carbine. At right, the stock has been cut back and the carbine turned into a sporting firearm.—Star Staff Photo.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. R. Roach

DATE: January 27, 1958

FROM : [redacted] (U)

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SUBJECT: SAM CUMMINGS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Enclosed herewith is an article which appeared in the January 24, 1958, issue of the Washington "Evening Star," describing how war surplus rifles are being converted into sporting weapons. Particular attention is directed to references made to Samuel Cummings who is importing some of the old foreign firearms which are being converted for hunting purposes. For your information, Cummings has come to the attention of the Bureau in the past as a result of his arms dealings. [redacted] The article also refers to the following:

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- Interarmco, a firm owned by Cummings
- Hunter's Lodge, also owned by Cummings
- Ye Old Hunter, a retail firm in Alexandria, Virginia
- John C. Richards and Sherwin Cogan are referred to as being connected with the last-mentioned firm
- Potomac Arms Corporation, described as being headed by Richards

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: May 16, 1958

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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SUBJECT: SAMUEL CUMMINGS
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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
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On May 15, 1958, [redacted] exhibited to SA D. J. Sullivan, Liaison Section, a cable which had been received from the [redacted]

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Legal Attache, [redacted]

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Director, FBI [redacted]

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PETER CHRISTIAN BEER;
SAMUEL CUMMINGS;
LA COMPAGNIE INTERAMICO
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Reurlet 2-25-59. For your confidential information, Samuel Cummings, born 2-4-27, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a dealer in firearms on an international level. [redacted]

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On various occasions he has also worked very closely with the United States Bureau of Customs in investigations concerning firearms shipments. [redacted]

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In May, 1958, he was in Poland in connection with arranging for the purchase of surplus arms from that country and in September, 1958, was reportedly traveling throughout Europe and South America. In December, 1958, information was received indicating Cummings left the United States for Europe on 11-16-58 and that he had made his permanent residence in Geneva, Switzerland. It was contemplated that he would return to the United States in March, 1959. [redacted]

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TO : MR. L'ALLIER 6/16/60 DATE: 6-1-60

FROM : [redacted] (S) (U)

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SUBJECT: SAMUEL CUMMINGS
INTERARMCO
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING - LIAISON

Reference is made to Legat Paris letter dated 5-23-60. [redacted] b7D Cummings operates a ~~firm~~ known as INTERARMCO, which has an office in Alexandria, Virginia, and operates in several countries. [redacted] (S) (U)

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SAMUEL CUMMINGS
INTERARMCO
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(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)
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Your attention is directed to Bulet 6/6/60 captioned [redacted] wherein it was noted that it appears that the [redacted] (S) You were instructed to make it clear to the [redacted] may desire to take this question up with representatives of State, [redacted] (C) (U) and Customs. Consequently, no investigation will be conducted by the Bureau to determine [redacted] that the Bureau will be alert to furnish that agency with any information we might receive from our sources [redacted]

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For your confidential information, [redacted] (C) (U)

You may advise [redacted] (S) (U)

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NOTE: [redacted] Cummings and Interarmco. (S) Samuel Cummings, born 2/4/27 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [redacted] connected with Interarmco as dealer in firearms. [redacted] (C) (U)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9-22-61

FROM : LEGAT, [redacted]

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SUBJECT: INTERARMCO
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The 8-29-61 issue of the West German newspaper "General Anzeiger" contained an Associated Press item originating in Munich, Germany, alleging that the American weapons concern "Interarmco" is carrying on negotiations with the East German Government for the purchase of 220,000 carbines, type 98K, at a price of $1,100,000.00.

A later news item quoted one HANSJOACHIM SEIDENSCHNUR, alleged Cologne, Germany, representative of Interarmco, as saying that the purchase would actually be a benefit to the West since it would remove a large number of weapons from communist control.

It is noted that on 8-25-60, a report of the [redacted] b7D

In this report [redacted]

It is requested that the Bureau check its files and furnish any available information concerning Interarmco and HANSJOACHIM SEIDENSCHNUR in form suitable for possible dissemination to interested U. S. [redacted] b7D

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Legal Attache, Bonn [redacted] 10-10-61

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INTERARMCO
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

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Reurlet 9-22-61.

According to Bufiles, Interarmco, which is also known as International Armament Corporation, is owned and operated by Samuel Cummings, born 2-4-27 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Interarmco deals in the purchase and sale of firearms on an international scale.

For your information, the June 28, 1961, issue of "Der Spiegel," published in Hamburg, Germany, carried an article captioned "Weapons Trade: Interarmco" which concerned subject company and Samuel Cummings. The article purportedly outlined Interarmco's activities in the weapons trade and mentioned Hansjoachim Seidenschnur as an associate of Cummings.

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For your confidential information, [redacted] (C) Also he has worked closely with the United States Bureau of Customs in investigations concerning firearms shipments. [redacted] (C) (U)

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In view of the above, if any inquiries are received concerning captioned company, you should furnish only the information that it is owned by Samuel Cummings and deals in the purchase and sale of firearms on an international scale. Bufiles contain no additional information identifiable with Seidenschnur.

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NOTE: Bonnlet 9-22-61 advised that according to West Berlin newspaper Interarmco was engaging in negotiations with East Berlin Government for purchase of carbines. Another news item indicated

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CONTINUANCE OF NOTE:

Seidenschnur was a representative of Interarmco in West Germany. Bonn requested check of Bufiles for information regarding company and Seidenschnur for possible dissemination to interested agencies.

According to Bufiles, Interarmco and Cummings are well-known to U.S. Government agencies.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: October 24, 1961

FROM : R. O. L'ALLIER

SUBJECT: SAM CUMMINGS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The subject, a well known international arms dealer, has come to our attention from time to time because of his involvement in firearms sales. [redacted] (U)

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1-Mr. Donahoe
1-Mr. Baumgardner
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Some might call him a DEALER IN DEATH

But millionaire arms king Samuel Cummings says he helps the West

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By GEORGE NOBBE

IN WASHINGTON, Samuel Cummings, 37, told [redacted] properly shocked Senate s[redacted]mittee recently that he owns the largest private arsenal in the world—big enough to equip 300,000 troops at a moment's notice—within mortar range of the Capitol.

This big, brash, bearish young man, looking more like a Sunday school teacher than a munitions king, calmly testified that the huge weapons stockpile comes "from throughout the world, without exaggeration, from every continent except Antarctica."

Dealing in surplus guns, planes, tanks, ships, swords and even uniforms, Cummings and his omnipresent agents have built an arms empire, buying and selling the world's surplus weapons on the proven theory that what's obsolete to one nation needn't be to another.

Right now, in nine bulging warehouses clustered along his Potomac River docks in Alexandria, Va., there are close to 400,000 pistols and rifles. There's no telling how many more are stacked up in similar collection points outside of Los Angeles and London.

International Operation

The tentacles of this sprawling munitions combine, an intricate corporate maze known as International Armaments Corp., or the Interarmco Group, reach as far as Geneva, Panama, Copenhagen, Salzburg, Monte Carlo, Pretoria, Helsinki and Buenos Aires.

Until recently, but for assassination, revolution, or both, Cummings could have had testimonials from such satisfied customers as the Dominican Republic's Trujillo, Cuba's Batista, Panama's Remon or Nicaragua's Samosa.

Among his current clients, in addition to our own NATO allies and an impressive list of pro-West European and South American countries, are Yugoslavia's Tito and Indonesia's Sukarno, along with a scattering of Mideast potentates.

Perhaps because most people tend to think of his dealings with the unsavory customers rather than the reputable ones, or perhaps because his is a trade as old and as deadly as war itself, the wrath of Sen. Thomas Dodd, (D-Conn.) and his Senate Judiciary Subcommittee seems to have descended upon Samuel Cummings.

Plainly, this articulate world traveler, who neither drinks nor smokes, is no sinister gunrunner who lurks in waterfront ginmills hunting a chance to peddle a clandestine cargo of weapons, no questions asked.

To hints that he might trade with the Soviet bloc, he says that though he has been approached he would not deal with them, aside from the moral considerations involved, "because the price is always out of line."

Would he trade with Soviet satellites?

"Why should they bother to buy when Russia gives them anything they want?" he asks.

The days when a man like Europe's Sir Basil Zaharoff, the legendary arms king of the early 20th Century, could amass a $100 million fortune unsupervised by any government have long since passed.

Men like Zaharoff could make millions because in those days [redacted] were no international gun control[redacted]ut today, the blunt truth is that [redacted] trade in weapons is just too compl[redacted]d, not to mention too risky.

Arms traders are closely watched by embassy staffs, there are customs bureaus and tax men to worry about, import licenses to buy, and, in the case of Interarmco, State Department embargoes on gun trading in several areas.

It has been illegal to supply arms to any Carribbean nation since 1959, and for the last three years Americans have been barred from the African weapons trade. These restrictions cut off two markets where smoldering political tensions had created a tremendous demand for weapons of any sort.

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THEN, in 1963, came President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas . . . and with it a clamor for a national gun control law.

Sen. Dodd's subcommittee began to hammer out a bill, still in committee, to curb the sale of cheap mail-order weapons like the rifle that Lee Harvey Oswald used to kill a President.

To such a law, Cummings has no objections.

But the Dodd bill would also bar imports of surplus military equipment of any sort, and that would close down at least the American end of Cummings' empire. (He estimates his Alexandria warehouses hold enough weapons to keep him going from two to three years.)

To a man whose driving energy has withered competition, at least in the West, such a prospect is unappetizing, to say the least.

Ubiquitous Interarmco

Interarmco, whose annual business volume runs well into eight figures, has assertedly had a hand in every major international arms deal outside the Soviet bloc in the last 13 years. Neither Cummings nor the men around him, to whom he has willed the business, would like to see that change.

So Cummings, who rarely visits this country even though he retains his citizenship, came back last month from his home in Monte Carlo to testify before both Dodd's Senate subcommittee and the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which is considering companion gun control legislation.

In an effort to combat the sinister reputation of a "merchant of death," Cummings read lengthy statements, spouted volumes of armament statistics, fielded hostile questions and jousted verbally with both Senators and Representatives.

Dodd drily called him a "sticky witness" in reluctant admiration for a foe so difficult to pin down. One newsman stopped Cummings in a hallway after one appearance and told him, in apparent reference to the zeal of the anti-gun forces, that he was "attempting to combat hysteria with logic."

Later, in an unostentatious office that could have been an insurance agent's except for the antique rifles in a gun case along one wall, Cummings told me, "One Oswald does not make a nation of Oswalds and, as far as I'm concerned, I resent the comparison."

Cummings' colorful career began uneventfully enough in Main Line Philadelphia. His father died when Sam was only

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8, but his mother, with whom he stays on his infrequent visits to Washington, managed to earn enough in real estate to send him to Philadelphia's posh Episcopal Academy.

Toward the end of World War II, he served in the infantry at Camp Lee and after his discharge earned a BA degree at George Washington University on GI Bill financing.

On a 1948 trip to Europe, Cummings visited the Falaise Gap in France, where the Allies had trapped 10 German divisions during the war. Rifles, machine guns and small arms still littered the battleground. The French had been afraid to collect them for fear of booby traps.

It was there, Cummings says, that the idea of making a living in weapons first came to him. Already a gun enthusiast from his youth, he wrote to all the arms companies he could think of, asking for a job.

Worked for CIA

IT WAS 18 months before he got an offer. During that time the Korean War had started, and the CIA put him to work identifying North Koreans weapons from photographs. He quit when Western Arms hired him for $5,600 a year plus a small commission.

For two years, Cummings roamed the world in search of arms, at the same time scraping up capital and making many of his present contacts.

Then, armed with the proper registration papers from the Treasury Department and the Office of Munitions Control, he set up Interarmco, working out of offices on Staten Island that soon became too small to handle the tremendous volume of weapons that began to roll in.

● From Panama's President Jose Antonio Remon, later assassinated, he bought 7,000 small arms which he sold at a moderate profit to his old employers, Western Arms.

● From the Swedes he bought 26 Vampire jets which he sold to President Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic for $3.5 million. The U.S. allowed him to ship them through this country, apparently because the State Department felt the planes would restrain Venezuelan dictator Jiminez, who had managed to buy 25 Vampires from the British.

● After the jet sale, he swapped $250,000 worth of field equipment for 80,000 guns and ammunition in Guatemala.

● When West Germany rearmed after the war, it did so with the help of several thousand light submachine guns bought from Cummings.

● He supplied the Kenyan Frontier Police with enough Enfield rifles from England to enable them to put down the 1957 Mau Mau uprising.

● That same year, the Finnish army bought 100,000 Sten machine guns from him.

● When Spain decided to unload its entire army surplus in 1959, Cummings was there with $1 million in cash. To this haul he added 600,000 Enfields the British were disposing of—and within two years he had sold them all, some to Pakistan, which was arming its border patrols at the time.

● When Indonesia decided to sell a $1 million cache of World War II weapons, it turned to Cummings and Cummings promptly found one buyer in the Irish government, which took 65,000 Interarmco rifles for a reported $225,000.

Cummings, who says he hates to fly, is probably one of the most air-borne men in the world. He moves at such a dizzy pace that some people in Washington say he lands at Dulles International

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By the time his burgeoning business forced him to move to Alexandria, Cummings had acquired a Swiss wife, twin daughters and a versatile crew of capable munitions experts to help run the giant arms empire he had built.

His general manager is Peter Beer, an Austrian who fled the Nazis to serve as a combat intelligence officer with an American paratroop outfit. Richard Winter, a former bombardier, is sales manager. The treasurer is Frank Slye of Washington. The man with the delicate job of State Department liaison is Richard Breed.

Originally, Cummings moved to Monte Carlo to help cut a staggering tax bill, but though the gambling paradise doesn't tax its residents, the IRS plugged such loopholes in 1962 to get its share of the earnings of Americans living abroad.

"How much I make a year shall remain forever a golden secret between me and the Internal Revenue," Cummings said with a grin.

Whatever the figure is, Cummings is not a man of expensive tastes. He maintains a chalet in the Alps, but he is rarely there because he has never had a vacation.

Unplanned Deception

One magazine writer booked first class plane fare for himself and a photographer when his publishers assigned him to trail Cummings on one of his marathon selling trips. He discovered that Interarmco requires all its employes to travel economy class.

"It was really rather funny," Cummings said, "the evil arms king riding in the back of the plane and the reporters up front sipping their champagne, all the way to Djakarta."

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THE QUESTION of the ethics involved in making a living, and a fat one at that, by trading in weapons of war, is one that Cummings has been answering for years.

The mysterious Basil Zaharoff, who died in 1936, was said to have avoided war memorials and military graveyards because his conscience bothered him. Cummings' conscience, apparently, is clear.

He is philosophical about European press attempts to make him into something he does not appear to be. The German magazine Der Spiegel, he said, once tried to link him to a series of eight killings resulting from clandestine gun trading, without even bothering to interview him.

More and more weapons are available as surplus today, he said, because of advances in small arms technology.

"If Americans don't trade in them, the Chinese, the Russians or the Czechs will," he added.

This, Cummings claimed, is precisely what has happened in Africa, where the State Department ban on arms dealings by Americans could force him to shut his office in Pretoria, South Africa, open but idle for three years.

"It's not my job to be a moral judge of humanity," he said, brushing off responsibility for what happens to the guns and equipment he sells and how many people they kill.

He is fond of quoting a State Department aid who said it was a good thing that Cummings was buying up guns and importing them to this country rather than leaving them to end up in the wrong hands.

In addition, Cummings will tell you, Interarmco contributes to the West's defenses by selling surplus arms to NATO allies directly and without cost to American taxpayers, who otherwise would be footing the bill.

"I suppose it's all very dramatic of Senator Dodd to say there's an arsenal a mile from Washington big enough to equip an army," he said, "but right in his home state there are legitimate gun manufacturers turning out enough weapons every year to equip an even bigger one."

He sees the ban on imports as inspired by domestic manufacturers to do away with low-cost foreign competition.

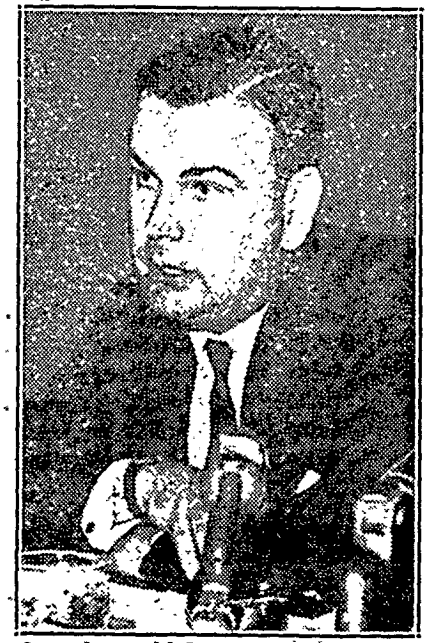
Nor does he agree that the presence of weapons in a country necessarily means a high crime rate. He points out that the Swiss have virtually no crime involving weapons, yet their militia system of self-defense requires every male civilian to have a rifle, machine pistol or machine gun.

But despite Cummings' persuasive arguments, Dodd confidently expects the Senate to pass "a good, strong bill" this fall.

He may be staking his political future on the bill, since he comes from a state crammed with hunters, gun clubs and target shooting enthusiasts who can hardly be expected to vote for him again.

Cummings has a lot at stake as well. If the bill becomes law, he stands to see a vast munitions empire go down the drain.

Even so, he'll still be the youngest unemployed multi-millionaire in Monte Carlo.



Cummings told Senate unit that weapons he buys and sells might otherwise be used against the West

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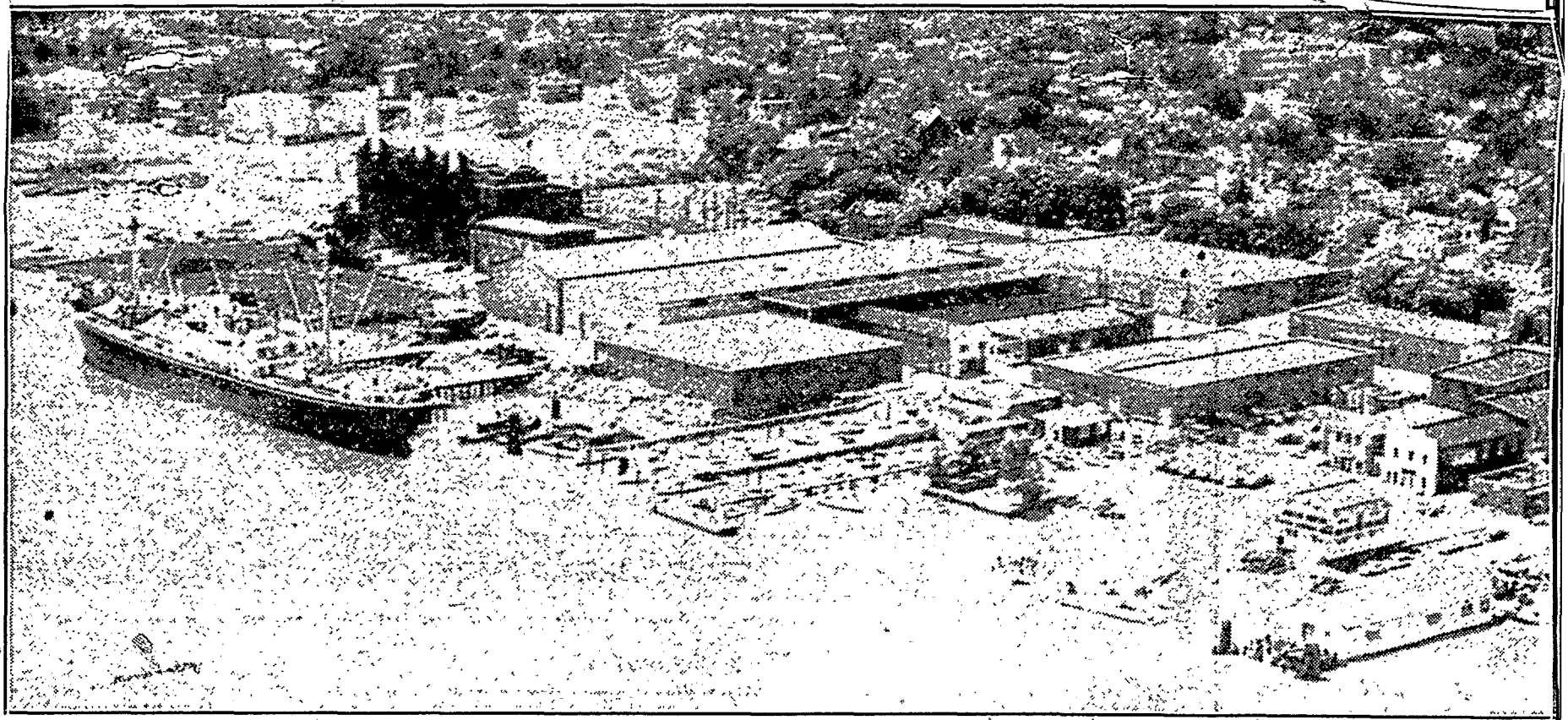

Aerial view shows sprawling Interarmco headquarters in Alexandria, Va., a mile from Washington.

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Munitions king Samuel Cummings, owner of world's large private arsenal in Alexandria, Va., inspects new arms shipment. Huge warehouse now hold 400,000 guns, and if you want planes, tanks or ships, he can supply those, too.

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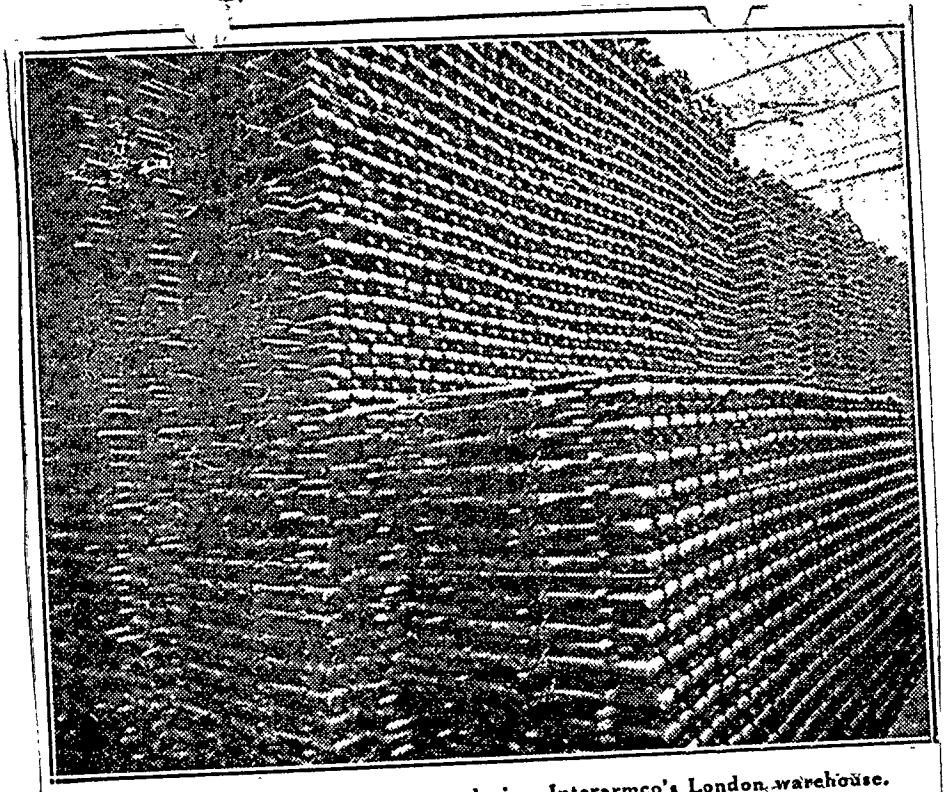

Surplus British rifles awaiting sale jam Interarmco's London warehouse.

Rep. John Murphy (D-N.Y.), left, and Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.), who have proposed stiff regulations on mail order guns, hold weapon from lot that included rifle used to kill President Kennedy.

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Arms Dealer Critical of His Critics

American Says Taxes Help Buy His Wares

By Mary Blume

Special to the Herald Tribune

MONTE CARLO, July 15.—Here pallor may mean wealth. Among Monaco's 20,422 residents—only 2,696 of them Monegasque citizens—the man with a luxurious tan may be a lowly clerk and the pale-face a tycoon too absorbed in tax-free earnings to waste time on the beach.

One of the palest faces in the principality belongs to a 35-year-old Philadelphian named Samuel Cummings, president of Interarmco. The ten-year-old company (reported net book value: over $10 million) is the world's largest commercial distributor of ordnance.

Mr. Cummings buys and sells weapons, ranging from Colt .45s to fully equipped tanks, throughout the non-Communist world. He has swung deals from Dublin to Djakarta. A few years ago, when Nicaragua-backed rebels attacked Costa Rica, both sides used Interarmco-supplied arms.

Over 500,000 small arms are stocked in Interarmco warehouses in England and Virginia. Mr. Cummings has a minority interest in Finnish, Argentinian and South African companies; he owns or controls 12 other firms in the United States, Switzerland, Panama, Denmark, Austria, England and Monaco.

Vacation in Jamaica

He opened the Monaco office for the usual reasons a year ago. Tall, plump-cheeked and studiously disarming, Mr. Cummings travels much of the year, but he has not had a real vacation since the days when he stopped off in Jamaica after paying business calls on Batista and Trujillo.

Like most rising young executives, Mr. Cummings considers himself a realist. Morally equivocal as his profession may seem, he does not let self-doubt impede his progress.

He admits that his profession has overtones which lead to criticism. But, in an increasingly irresponsible world where sentimentality easily replaces morality, he seems amused by the pot calling the kettle black.

He dismisses critics with a patient smile and a stock question: "Do you pay your taxes? Well, if you do you're just as bad as I am, because two thirds of your tax money is spent on the kind of material I deal in."

U.S. or British License

Mr. Cummings feels relieved of responsibility for the company he keeps because each deal he makes is sanctioned by a license from the United States Office of Munitions

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ARMS MERCHANT—Sam Cummings in his Monaco office.

"The British and Americans determine whom I will deal with and what my business will be."

Periods of world tension are as worrying to Mr. Cummings as to anyone else: licenses for arms deals become almost unobtainable. He remembers the Berlin crisis with horror because it severely restricted the arms trade, but things are better now. "We're doing business everywhere," he says.

Or almost everywhere. Although the new African nations represent Interarmco's biggest potential market, licenses are so hard to get that Mr. Cummings fears Czech arms dealers will get in first. In South Africa he can't even get a license to sell a hunting rifle any more, and an interesting deal with President Nasser fell through for the same reason.

"The one disadvantage in this business," Mr. Cummings says, "is that we can't plan ahead because we never know what the world situation will be like."

Unloading inventory, on the other hand, presents no problem at all. Obsolete weapons can be resold to less advanced countries, to film companies (Interarmco supplied "The Guns of Navarone"), interior decorators and sportsmen.

Hunting Guns

Reconditioned weapons, sold to America's 24 million hunters, account for over 25 per cent of Interarmco's business.

An Interarmco company called Ye Old Hunter offers such old German Mausers culled from Argentina, Iran and Guatemala can be had for under $30.

Himself an "old iron" buff, Mr. Cummings has lined the walls of his apartment office high on the Moyenne Corniche with old swords and military prints. When he sits at his desk, a suit of 16th-century German armor looms over his right shoulder. When he raises his eyes he looks into the muzzle of an 18th-century British cannon.

When he isn't working, Mr. Cummings likes to read military history.

"Military history," he says with an ingratiating smile, "is the best record of man's folly over the ages."

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PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FERDINAND E. MARCOS [redacted]
PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

On June 20, 1974, [redacted] appeared at the Washington Field Office (WFO) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D. C. (WDC), along with his attorney [redacted] volunteered the following: b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] informed that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] DATE: 7/10/74

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FROM : SAC, [redacted] (RUC)

SUBJECT: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FERDINAND E. MARCOS
PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
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Re Bureau telephone call 6/19/74.

Attached for the Bureau are six copies and for Houston one copy, of an LHM under above date and title, together with enclosures to it. The Bureau might desire to furnish a copy of this LHM to [redacted] State Department, Internal Revenue and Secret Service. ~~(S)~~ (U)

During the interview of [redacted] which is reported in attached LHM, he advised [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

WFO files reveal that in 1955, SAMUEL CUMMINGS, Vice President of the International Armament Corporation, P.O. Box 3722, Washington, D. C. (WDC), [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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It is to be noted [redacted] was interviewed at his request while in WDC for a short time while on business. [redacted]

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Re Chicago LHM dated 10/4/68.

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Investigation to identify individuals with the names [redacted] was made with

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Investigation was also conducted to determine if

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It is pointed out for the information of the Bureau that SAMUEL CUMMINGS, owner of Interarmco, an American and

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one of the largest arms dealers in the world, presently has his principal office in Monaco. It is possible that there may be some relation between Interarmco and the European Arms Corporation in Montreal, Canada, mentioned in Chicago LHM dated 10/4/68. It is also pointed out that there is some similarity between the names [redacted] and CUMMINGS. CUMMINGS is the subject of Bufile [redacted]

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-25-67

FROM : R. E. Wick

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SUBJECT: INQUIRY CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL ARMAMENT CORPORATION, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
FROM [redacted]
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (WHITE HOUSE)

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In compliance with your instructions, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] at noon today, 7-25-67, in response to his request to you to discuss a confidential matter relating to the International Armament Corporation with an FBI representative. [redacted] advised that a highly respected individual, whom he did not name, had called to his attention that the International Armament Corporation in Alexandria maintained some eight or ten warehouses packed with guns and weapons of all sizes and descriptions and that this person wondered as to what security precautions, such as the guard force, are maintained by the Corporation.

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[redacted] stated he was generally familiar with this company which is owned by Mr. Samuel Cummings, but of course he, [redacted] has no knowledge as to the type of protection and security coverage provided by the company or whether such protection would be sufficient to hold off a raid by any militant group which might plan to assault or burglarize the warehouses and confiscate the weapons. He said, of course, that he assumed the local police authorities also maintain some type of protection.

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[redacted] pointed out that certainly it could not become known that the White House is interested in security matters relating to this private company and that while he realized there might not be any action the FBI could take, he thought perhaps we could offer him some guidance and information. He said that specifically he would like to know: 1. what security precautions, guard force, protections, etc., are maintained by the Corporation; and 2. once the security set-up is known, then he would like to know whether it is considered to be adequate. [redacted] was advised that a check would be made to see what help we could offer and that we would be back in touch with him.

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R. E. Wick to Mr. DeLoach Memorandum
Re: Inquiry Concerning International Armament Corporation

Bufiles reflect that International Armament Corporation is owned and operated by Samuel Cummings who, according to press stories, is a multimillionaire. [redacted] (U) He has also worked with the United States Bureau of Customs in investigations concerning firearms shipments. [redacted] (U) Cummings and his firm have been the recipients of a great deal of publicity in the past, and you will recall that the FBI traced the Finnish-made antitank gun used in the Brinks burglary in Syracuse, New York, in October, 1965, to a gun shop which has the same address in Alexandria as the Potomac Arms Corporation, a retail outlet for Cummings'firm. [redacted]

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In view of [redacted] (U) and inasmuch as his firm, which imports and sells guns throughout the world, must meet certain regulations of the Treasury Department and be registered with the Treasury Department under the National Firearms Act, it is not believed that the FBI should take any direct action in this matter. There is a possibility that either the Treasury Department [redacted] or both would have the information [redacted] desires. In any event, because of their official interest in Cummings, they would be in a position to secure the information without raising any questions. Consequently, it is believed that [redacted] and the fact that his operations come under the scrutiny and regulations of the Treasury Department, and that we suggest that either or both of these agencies would be in a position to assist him. (U)

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That [redacted] (U) and of the fact that the International Armament Corporation is required by law to register with the Treasury Department and to meet certain specifications under the Treasury Department's supervision.

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Yes.

2. That [redacted] be advised that he may wish to contact either [redacted] or the Treasury Department for assistance in this connection with his inquiry.

Yes.